

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 5, 2002
Warrenton Volunteer Rescue Squad
200 Hospital Drive, Warrenton**

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Attendance Members present were Ray Graham and Harry Atherton. Staff present were Philip Myer, Joe Higgs, Charles Shepherd, and Bill Dugan.

Call to Order Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Agenda The agenda was adopted as presented with no changes.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

800 Mhz. Radio System Discussion on status of new towers. The Blue Mt. Tower site is still in negotiation. In preparation for the trip to Schaumburg's Motorola plant for "staging approval", the team consisting of Philip Myer, Joell Gouldthorpe, David Kimble and Bill Dugan visited Loudoun County to review their current 800 Mhz system and their experience going to staging. Loudoun officials stated Fauquier's decision to include a new minitor paging system was excellent. They had not done that, but will be doing so in the very near future.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services new schedule impact

Few comments were received from the Fire and Rescue Chiefs. Those comments received were positive about the extended shifts since September 3, 2002.

Homeland Security Grant

The Committee endorsed a Federal grant of \$51,700 to be used as follows: Approximately 50 percent for the Multi Gas detection meters for Fire and Rescue and provide two Sheriff Investigators with personal protective equipment to deal with suspicious packages such as anthrax treats. The remainder will be applied toward the 800 Mhz radio system. The Committee also endorsed a Federal Grant of \$15,000 to Emergency Operations planning to be used for Haz Mat/Transportation and FAA Emergency planning.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services fund balance carryover

The committee approved/endorsed a request to apply fund balance in the amount of \$91,477. for vehicle replacement, office copier, personal protective equipment, and Fire Station computers.

Emergency Operations Plan Update

The committee gave endorsement to have the updated County Emergency Operations plan adopted by Board of Supervisors resolution.

Street Sign Contract Report

Chief Myer reported that a new street sign maintenance contract has been awarded. This will change the mounting system from

round poles and screws to square “break aways” posts and riveted signs. This should reduce theft of the signs.

Roundtable

Office space in the Public Safety building at 78 W. Lee Street. Both Sheriff Higgs and Chief Myer expressed concerns about the lack of space for Sheriff’s 911 center and Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Sheriff Higgs introduced discussion on the Tri County Cooperative Detention Facility.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.